March, 1977 to 444 today and a further increase is contemplated. The total pendency of cases in the High Courts as on 1-1-1988 is 15,87,823.

(b) In India, the Judge-population ratio is 10.5 per million which is less than in developed countries. No study has been undertaken to ascertain whether the ratio is increasing or decreasing.

Outbreak of Cholera in Delhi

*76. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of deaths during the last two months and till date due to Cholera outbreak in Delhi; and

(b) what follow-up action has been taken so far to improve the living conditions in the affected resettlement colonies and other areas and to provide/improve the civic amenities following the visit of the Prime Minister to these areas, stating the reasons for unsatisfactory progress in this regard and the measures taken to accelerate the process of improvement in the affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) During the last two months, September and October, there had been no deaths due to Cholera in Delhi. However, due to gastro-enteritis, 24 deaths were reported in September and 3 deaths in October, 1988. From 1-1-1988 till 31st October, 1988, the total number of deaths due to Cholera and gastro-enteritis are 8 and 790 respectively.

Following the visit of the Prime Minister to the affected areas on 22-7-1988 an action plan was drawn to provide better civic amenities including sanitation and provision of potable drinking water to these areas. According to the Reports of the Delhi Administration, the targets set in the Action Plan in respect of de-silting of drains, de-siltig of septic tanks and Brick paving (in two phases) have already been achieved. Regular cleaning of drains is also being done and the garbage that is generated daily is being lifted. Construction of Sulabh Shauchalayas in the resettlement colonies has also been taken up.

With regard to provision of safe drinking water to the affected areas, water is being supplied through water-tankers/trucks mounted with SINTEX tanks to 9 colonies. In respect of Nandanagri, Gokulpuri, Khicharipur, Trilokpuri; Himmatpur, Khanpur, Sunder Nagri and Seelampur (Phase I & II), filtered water supply has already been extended. In the affected resettlemnt colonies, individual water connections have been sanctioned and new public hydrants have already been installed to provide adequate water supply. In addition, 610 deep hand-pumps are also being provided in the resettlement colonies. Provisional drinking water through water tankers has also been undertaken in Juggi Jhopri clusters.

Dengue Deaths in Delhi

*77. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 5 Dengue deaths in Delhi have been confirmed by the AIIMS as reported in the Times of India, dated 25th October, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that there have been many more deaths not reported due to the absence of compulsory notifiability of diseases by private hospitals and physicians;

(c) whether Government propose to review the notification in this regard to create an effective infrastructure for this purpose; and

(d) whether the National Virus Institute, Pune has been involved in this work so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The Government has